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Date: December 16, 1943 10/20/03 60267NLS/BAW/AF

To: SAC, NEW YORK

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LEVERETT S. GLEASON  
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The Bureau has noted that the above-captioned individual and his wife have recently attended the Convention of the Federation of Organizations for the Aid of Spanish Republicans held in Mexico City from August 21 to 23, 1943. Gleason was designated as a delegate from New York representing the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Other information in the possession of the Bureau indicates that Gleason formerly served as the Circulation Manager of "Friday" in 1940 and that he was listed as the Editor and Publisher of "Inside of Russia," the sale of which latter publication was sponsored by the Workers Book Store in New York City. Your attention is also called to the fact that your office recently learned that the Westchester County Sheriff's Office had been contacted by the Dies Committee for information concerning numerous Communists among which was Laverett S. Gleason. The Dies Committee's interest in Gleason is not known to the Bureau.

For your further information there is attached a photostatic copy of a report dated November 9, 1942, which the Bureau received from the War Department. In view of this subject's presence in Mexico it would appear that he has since been discharged from the Army. It is also observed that his age was given as 44 in the attached report.

Your office should immediately open a case on Gleason and conduct a thorough investigation to develop fully all information concerning his Communist activities and connections and any possible connections he might have with the international organization of the Party. The initial report submitted by your office should include pertinent portions of the attached report properly paraphrased so as to conceal the source.

Enclosure

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A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC, New York

February 21, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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You are referred to the Bureau's letter of December 16, 1943, requesting an investigation of this subject. A report should be submitted in this matter in the near future.

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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Hendon.....
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This Case Originated at: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Report made at: NEW YORK, NEW YORK	Date when Made: 5/10/44	Period for which Made: 2/9, 10, 21; 3/1, 11; 4/10, 11, 13/44	Report made by: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> b7C
Title: LEVERETT S. GLEASON			Character of Case: INTERNAL SECURITY- C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born Winchendon, Mass., 2/25/97. Attended Harvard College 1916-1917. Served in US Army, 1917-1919 and from 7/2/42 to unascertained date prior to 8/21/43. Subject employed as editor and publisher ~~Comic House, Inc.~~, NYC, 1922-1942 and is believed presently connected with this concern.

Subject formerly circulation manager magazine ~~"Friday"~~ and ~~"Unbelievable."~~ Has published ~~"Inside Russia"~~ and ~~"The Truth About the Red Army."~~ Subject has been associated with numerous publications and is presently connected with ~~"Magazine House"~~ and ~~"Ley Gleason Publications."~~ Subject has collaborated with  and is friend of  both of whom are alleged Communists. b7C

Subject in May 1943 was present at meeting of Executive Committee of Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, allegedly a Communist controlled organization. He visited State Dept. in latter part of July or early August 1943 as member of Board of JAFRC. In August 1943 attended convention of the Federation of Organizations for Aid of Spanish Republicans held in Mexico City. Subject in August 1943 wrote letter to editor of Newcastle Tribune, Chappaqua, NY, extolling virtues of Soviet Russian Constitution. Investigation at Chappaqua, NY, subject's place of residence, reveals subject not well known there and is not believed active in Communist affairs in that village. Mail cover indicates subject received correspondence from Committee for

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United Labor Party and Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. No criminal record, Chappaqua.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, dated December 16, 1943.

DETAILS: Subject is considered a key figure in Communist activities in the New York area.

This investigation is predicated upon reference letter from the Bureau, indicating that LEVERETT GLEASON and his wife recently had attended a convention of the Federation of Organizations for the Aid of Spanish Republicans, held in Mexico City on August 21-23, 1943, GLEASON having been designated a delegate from New York, representing the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Information received indicated that GLEASON was formerly circulation manager of "Friday" in 1940 and was listed as the editor and publisher of "Inside Russia", the sale of which publication was sponsored by the Workers Bookstore in New York City.

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The following information has been received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau: LEVERETT S. GLEASON, Army Serial Number 32356369, was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, February 25, 1898. He is married, his wife's name being MARGARET G. GLEASON, she residing on Park Drive, Chappaqua, New York, and is employed by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Information further indicates that GLEASON's father, whose name was not disclosed, was born in Vermont; that his mother, JOSEPHINE GLEASON, resides at 89 Stratmore Road, Brookline, Massachusetts, and his brother, SHERMAN GLEASON, resides at Dedham, Massachusetts.

GLEASON completed grammar school education in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1911 and in 1915 was graduated from the Newton High School, Newton, Massachusetts. From 1915 to 1916 he attended preparatory school at Andover, Massachusetts, and for one year, 1916-1917, he studied at Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts. From 1922 until 1942, GLEASON was employed as magazine editor and publisher at Comic House, Incorporated, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, at a weekly salary of \$150.

From April 26, 1917 until September 4, 1919, GLEASON served in the United States Army, 110th Field Artillery, and had the rank of private first class, driver. Prior to his service with the United States Army GLEASON served for seven months with the National Guard as a driver in the Field Artillery with the rank of private.

On July 2, 1942 GLEASON re-entered the Service of the United States Army at Camp Upton, New York, with the rank of private, remained there

until July 6, 1942, whereupon he was transferred to the 573rd Tech. Sch. Sq., Miami Beach, Florida, for basic training, remained in Miami Beach until August 28, 1942. Following this, it appears that GLEASON was transferred to the 17th Tech. Sch. Sq. at Chanute Field, Illinois. He was a student in the Weather Observers' School and his commanding officer was Major W. J. LANG. It was ascertained by [redacted] that GLEASON's home address was Park Drive, Chappaqua, Westchester, New York. b2 b7D

Further information furnished by [redacted] reveals that subject, prior to entrance into the United States Army in 1942, was employed in the production of comic-strip magazines and pulp paper booklets and has admitted publishing booklets intended for "sucker distribution" among the Communist element of New York City. Subject further admitted to [redacted] that he had spent most of his adult life in Eastern United States, or in the vicinity of New York City, and had been engaged in the publishing business. He stated that he had served on the staff of the "National Sportsman", a sporting magazine, and for nine years had been employed by the "Open Road for Boys." He also advised that he had been employed by the Eastern Color Printing Company and the United Features Syndicate of New York City. He has operated his own publishing concern "Comic House Incorporated, New York City." GLEASON has also published numerous booklets and comic-strip magazines, including "Boy Comics", "Silver Streak Comics", "Dare Devil", "Crime Doesn't Pay," and "Scoop Detective Cases." According to [redacted] the publishing of the cheap pulp paper type comic booklets is a common practice and is considered a racket in the publishing fraternity in New York as little capital is needed to engage in this type of business, which is not highly regarded by reputable publishers. b2 b7D

Subject also admitted to [redacted] that he has produced a cheap publication, known as "Picture Digest" and has also published a magazine known as "Burlesque" emphasizing "leg art." GLEASON is also known to have published a magazine "Friday" and to have published a booklet entitled "The Truth About the Red Army" which dealt with the Soviet Military Machine. GLEASON, according to [redacted] appeared well acquainted with the New York Publishing Field, and displayed familiarity with firms and persons in publishing circles. b2 b7D

Regarding subject's habits and activities, [redacted] was unable to furnish any derogatory information but stated that in his conversations he appeared to be above average in intelligence, liberal in his views and sincere in his feeling against Totalitarian forms of Government. GLEASON, by his conversation, indicated to [redacted] that he is pro-labor and is impartial to capitalism and that he advocates the betterment of the under-privileged. [redacted] further stated that subject speaks, reads and writes French fairly well. b2 b7D

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In summarization of information concerning GLEASON, [redacted] [redacted] advised that subject had been suspected of being a Communist and had published a 130-page issue of a monthly magazine, known as "Picture Digest" featuring "Inside Russia", while in the publishing business in New York City. b2 b7D

The files of the New York office indicate that LEVERETT S. GLEASON in 1940 was circulation manager of "Unbelievable", a periodical published quarterly by "Friday, Incorporated". This publication was intended to expose big business and big money behind the so-called American brand of Fascism.

[redacted] indicated that an issue of the New York Times under date of February 8, 1941 revealed that Miss HELEN R. BRYANT, formerly secretary of Institute of Race Relations and local secretary of the American League of Peace and Democracy indicated that LEVERETT GLEASON, promotion manager of "Friday" was "very active in Communist affairs." b2

[redacted] indicated that a chapter letter, addressed to the Communist Party, Baltimore, Maryland, on May 5, 1943, signed by FELIX RUSAN, of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, indicated that after the above-mentioned letter had referred to the work done by the Committee to bring about release of prisoners in Spain and France, it stated that LEVERETT S. GLEASON, a member of the Board of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, together with Miss BRYANT, Executive Secretary, visited the State Department, "last week." b2

[redacted] indicated that LEVERETT S. GLEASON was present at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee held on May 19, 1943 at the home of [redacted] New York City. [redacted] further advised that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is almost entirely Communist controlled, Communist managed and Communist backed. Its purpose is to bring about the release of Spanish political prisoners in Europe and to provide transportation to this country to carefully selected and capable organizers for use in the United States by the Communist Party. b2 b7C

Information obtained from [redacted] [redacted] indicated that GLEASON has been reported to them as being a person who is very important in Communist circles. [redacted] stated that information obtained by his office indicated that LEVERETT S. GLEASON is a friend and associate of [redacted] Chappaqua, New York, and has collaborated with [redacted] Yorktown Heights, New York, both of whom are alleged Communists, according to [redacted] b7C

[redacted] furnished a photographic copy of clippings from the Newcastle Tribune, Chappaqua, New York, which indicated that on July 21, 1943 LEVERETT S. GLEASON addressed the following letter to the editors: b7C

"Park Drive  
Chappaqua, N.Y.  
July 21, 1943

"Gentlemen:

"I was very surprised to read a statement attributed to Justice Hamilton Hicks in your July 16th paper.

"Justice Hicks, as chairman of the American Legion Post's Committee on Americanism discusses public education in America, and deploras the alleged ignorance of the children as shown in a recent essay contest. He concludes that some of the children 'had so slight a conception of the meaning of free government that they thought Russia is a republic.' It seems to me that one who assumes the task of improving the education of our children should himself have a clearer grasp of the facts.

"Regardless of how one may feel toward our Russian ally, I think that the truth will stand on its own feet and that little is to be gained by distortion. I dread to think of the future of education if the children are to be told that the Soviet Union is not a republic. Justice Hicks may have heard that the correct name of our ally is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Article 13 of the Soviet Constitution states: 'The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is a federal state, formed on the basis of the voluntary association of Soviet Socialist Republics.' Article 17 states: 'To every Union Republic is reserved the right freely to secede from the U.S.S.R.'

Articles 134 and 135 state: 'Members of all Soviets of working people's deputies-of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., the Supreme Soviets of the Union Republics, the Soviets of the Union Republics, the Soviets of working people's deputies of the territories and regions, the Supreme Soviets of the autonomous Republics...are chosen by the electors on the basis of universal, direct, and equal suffrage by secret ballot.' '...all citizens of the U.S.S.R. who have reached the age of 18, irrespective of race or nationality, religion, educational and residential qualifications, social origin, property status, or past activities, have the right to vote.'

"The Constitution also guarantees by law freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of street processions and demonstrations, as well, of course, as freedom of religious worship.

"If the Soviet Union, regardless of what virtues or faults one wishes to credit it with, is not a republic, what in heaven's name is it?

"Very truly yours,  
LEVERETT S. GLEASON."

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The clippings revealed that on July 31, 1943 Mr. HAMILTON PICKS, of Chappaqua, New York, in reply to GLEASON's letter, addressed the following letter to the editors:

"Chappaqua, New York  
July 31, 1943

"Editor New Castle Tribune:

"I cannot be too grateful to you for publishing, and to Mr. L. S. Gleason for writing, his letter commenting on my recent report on education. No one can read Mr. Gleason's letter carefully without appreciating how sound and realistic the American Legion has been in warning the public that ignorance of the fundamentals of free government has been actively promoted to an extent that threatens the life of the American system. Whether Mr. Gleason is a victim of such ignorance or one of its promoters is immaterial. His letter is eloquent proof that it exists.

"The report criticized by Mr. Gleason states that none of the students who entered the essay contest knew that the United States is a republic and that none understood that our freedom depends largely on our republican form of government. Mr. Gleason makes no comment on this shocking condition. It does not interest him. He is only interested in defending Russia from the implication that Russia is not a republic and he quotes parts of the Russian constitution, omitting others, in an effort to show that Russia is a republic rather than, to use President Roosevelt's words, 'a dictatorship as absolute as any other dictatorship in the world.' (Readers Digest, July, 1943, p. 3).

"Mr. Gleason quotes sections of the Soviet constitution which appear to guarantee equal suffrage, free speech and freedom of religious worship and leaves out the 'joker' clause (Chapter X, Article 126) of which Max Eastman says:

'The Russian constitution guarantees no freedom. It guarantees dictatorship of the Russian Communist Party, naming it specifically and asserting that it shall "form the directing nucleus of all organizations of the toilers (citizens)".

"No constitution which names a small, disciplined organization of zealots as absolute sovereign can possibly guarantee any freedom to any person or institution except that organization.' (Readers Digest, July, 1943, p. 4).

"I hope that Mr. Gleason's letter will disturb the apathy of some parents who have not troubled to inquire why some people wish to misinform

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their children about foreign government and mislead them about their own government.

"Sincerely,  
HAMILTON HICKS."

In the August 20 issue of the Newcastle Tribune, the following article, together with a letter to the editors, submitted by LEVERETT S. GLEASON on August 3, 1943 appear:

"An Article in the July 16 issue of this newspaper concerning a report of Justice Hamilton Hicks, contained a statement by him that a few weeks later set off a spirited verbal battle between its author and a fellow Chappaquan, Leverett S. Gleason of Park Drive.

"The initial report of Judge Hicks, chairman of the Americanization Committee of the Chappaqua Post of the American Legion, was a commentary on an essay contest held at the Horace Greeley School by the Post last June. The statement that so irked Mr. Gleason was the one that stated 'none of the contestants (referring to the June contest) knew that the United States is a Republic' and, it continued, 'some had so slight a conception of the meaning of free government that they thought Russia is a republic.'

"(On July 30 Mr. Gleason retaliated with a letter to the editor in which he quoted, word for word, sections of the Russian constitution to prove the point that he contended that Russia is a republic.

"His letter, in part, said that 'Justice Hicks may have heard that the correct name of our ally is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Article 13 of the Soviet Constitution states: "The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is a federal state, formed on the basis of the voluntary association of Soviet Socialist Republics," Article 17 states, "To every Union Republic is reserved the right to freely secede from the U.S.S.R."'

"Mr. Hicks' answer came the following week, also in the form of a letter, from which we quote:

"The report criticized by Mr. Gleason stated that none of the students who entered the essay contest knew that the United States is a republic and that none understood that our freedom depends largely on our republican form of government. Mr. Gleason makes no comment on this shocking condition. It does not interest him. He is only interested in defending Russia from the implication that Russia is not a republic and he quotes parts of the Russian constitution, omitting others, in an effort to show that Russia is a republic rather than, to use President Roosevelt's words, "a dictatorship as absolute as any other dictatorship in the world." (Readers Digest, July, 1943, p. 3)."

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"This week Mr. Gleason opens the third round of the controversy with another letter, which we print below in full.

"This exchange of ideas is by no means a closed corporation, and all opinions on the subject are welcome.

"Park Drive, Chappaqua, N.Y.  
August 13, 1943.

"Dear Sir:

"May I thank you for your generosity in giving space to my recent letter and to Justice Hicks' reply, and perhaps now for a little more space?

"Mr. Hicks takes me to task for not commenting upon that part of his report which deplores the ignorance of the students, none of whom, it seems, knew that the United States is a republic. He says it does not interest me-but it does! I do not know what students may have entered the contest, but frankly I do not believe that, by and large American school children are unaware that the U.S.A. is a republic. I think they know our country is a republic, love it deeply and fully appreciate its significance when they repeat: 'I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands.' Ours is an excellent school system, the teachers are of a high character, very capable instructors, and I believe personally the present crop of youngsters is about the best informed in all our history. Sorry, Mr. Hicks, I am interested, but I am not disturbed about the students.

"I am, however, disturbed about you, for you apparently wish to instruct the children that our Russian ally is not a republic. You answer me with quotations intended to prove that Russia is not democratic. This, of course, is a different point altogether. Great Britain, for example, is a democracy-yet it is not a republic. The terms are not synonymous. For the sake of the young students, let us not confuse terms. Though, be assured, I am perfectly willing to uphold the argument that the Soviet Union is not a republic-but democratic as well.

"Mr. Hicks fears I may be a victim of ignorance (or one of its promoters). I fear it is he who has been made the victim, and thus unconsciously its promoter. He quotes Max Eastman's article in the July issue of Readers Digest on Chapter X, Article 125 of the Soviet Constitution, in which Mr. Eastman misquotes that the Communist Party shall 'form the directive nucleus of all organizations of the toilers.' The plain truth, Mr. Hicks, is that the Soviet Constitution says no such thing, either in Article 126 or anywhere else.

"Quotations are dangerous, and Mr. Hicks has chosen one to quote who has not long held any set of beliefs. Max Eastman was a Socialist at one time, later he helped organize the Communist Party, and for several years was a member until expelled from its ranks. Then he became a follower of Trotsky, his exponent, translator, and literary agent. He has claimed to be a Marxist, a Leninist, a Trotskyist, and who knows what else? He had written all sorts of things. Would it surprise Mr. Hicks that Eastman once wrote in the Liberator in 1919: 'For there exists a science, consisting of a series of hypotheses as to the method by which this choice of ours may be carried out in the actual world, and that science is one of the clearest and most ardent achievements in the human mind. It is the science that was founded in the Communist Manifesto of 1848 - the science of revolution based upon the Economic Interpretation of History.'

"Mr. Eastman has published volumes of advice to the American people with no respect to consistency. Perhaps Mr. Hicks can recall his 'Letter to Americans' published in 1941 in which he says: 'I find Lindbergh's demonstration that America is not in danger of immediate military attack impressive.'

"Now, precisely, did that fit in with the Legion program at that time?

"After reading Mr. Eastman for many years, reversing himself with great frequency, I can hardly take him seriously. When are we to believe your chosen authority, Justice Hicks, when white is white or white is black?

"Mr. Eastman's article in Readers Digest says many harsh things about the Soviet Union. I would prefer to believe Mr. Davies, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Harriman, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Hopkins, and the scores of others who reports can scarcely be attacked as biased, rather than an expelled Communist who just possibly may have a personal axe to grind.

"There is, I believe, altogether too much anti-British and anti-Russian propaganda being spread. We are United Nations--and we must remain united to ensure both victory and a lasting peace. We might well refrain from criticisms if our allies at this time, if only for selfish reasons, and I for one believe that closer understanding of and friendship for our allies, together with ever stronger unity at home, are the first patriotic requirements of the hour.

"Very truly yours,  
LEVERETT S. GLEASON."

HAMILTON HICKS, Quaker Street, Chappaqua, New York, business address 20 Exchange Place, New York City, upon interview, advised that he has



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resided in Chappaqua, New York, for many years and is well acquainted with the greater majority of the inhabitants of this village, but he has never met LEVERETT GLEASON personally and has no first-hand information concerning his background, associates or activities. He stated that he believes that GLEASON is enrolled as a member of the American Labor Party, is a member of the Left Wing branch of that Party. He advised that the letters which appeared in the Newcastle Tribune were self-explanatory, but advised that GLEASON is not well known in Chappaqua, having only lived there a short time, is not active in any organizations in the village and appears to carry on no activities in the vicinity of his home indicating Communist connections. Mr. HICKS was unable to furnish the names of any persons in Chappaqua who would know GLEASON or have knowledge of his movements.

Chief of Police LESTER ROMAINE, of the Newcastle Police Department, Chappaqua, New York, advised that he does not know LEVERETT GLEASON personally and has no knowledge concerning background, associates or movements of GLEASON in this territory. Mr. ROMAINE stated that GLEASON had never been reported to him as a Communist nor had he received any indications that GLEASON was a member of any subversive organization. Chief ROMAINE checked the criminal records of his department for information relative to GLEASON with negative results.

[redacted] Westchester Lighting Company, Main Street, White Plains, New York, consulted his records and advised that LEVERETT GLEASON had received electric service at Park Drive, Chappaqua, New York, since September 26, 1941. He stated that this would indicate that GLEASON had moved into this residence on the above date. [redacted] was unable to furnish information regarding the employment of GLEASON but stated that he had lived at 15 West 106th Street, New York City, prior to his moving to Chappaqua, New York. b7C

At the New York Telephone Company, Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York, [redacted] advised that LEVERETT GLEASON began telephone service at Park Drive, Chappaqua, in September 1941, at which time GLEASON stated that he was business manager of "Scoop" Magazine at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, telephone Murryhill 3-5415. b7C

At the Chappaqua National Bank, [redacted] advised that LEVERETT GLEASON and MARGARET G. GLEASON maintained a joint bank account at this bank, which account was opened on December 21, 1943 with a deposit of \$4,006.25., which amount consisted of \$1,100. cash, the remainder made up of two checks of Comic House, Incorporated, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, dated December 17, 1943, and drawn on the Sterling National Bank and Trust Company, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, signed [redacted] payable to LEVERETT GLEASON. Another deposit of significance, according to [redacted] was a check under date of February 2, 1944 in the sum of \$2,000. drawn on the b7C

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Sterling National Bank, payable to LEVERETT S. GLEASON, the check being on the stationery of "Magazine House", 114 East 32nd Street, New York City.. The checks payable to the following persons were drawn on the GLEASON account, the addresses and identities of these persons being unknown:

[REDACTED]	\$5.00	1/21/44
	53.45 and	1/27/44
	12.50	"
[REDACTED]	35.00	1/29/44
	5.00	1/28/44
	3.00	3/17/44

[REDACTED] in conclusion advised that his records indicated that MARGARET G. GLEASON, wife of subject, is presently employed as secretary in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. b7C

[REDACTED] Chappaqua, New York, stated that he has known LEVERETT GLEASON for approximately a year but knows nothing derogatory concerning him, saying that he does not know subject's present place of employment and has no information regarding his activities or associates in Chappaqua, New York. The mail cover which was placed through the Chappaqua Post Office on February 21, 1944, reflected the following letters which were received pertinent to instant case: b7C

<u>DATE</u>	<u>POSTMARK</u>	<u>RETURN ADDRESS</u>
2/23/44	New York, New York	[REDACTED] New York City
2/23/44	Morristown, New Jersey	[REDACTED] b7C
3/11/44	Grimmell, Iowa	[REDACTED]
3/9/44	Los Angeles, California	[REDACTED]
3/13/44	Camp Edwards, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]
3/9/44	New York, New York	Comic House Inc. 114 East 32nd Street, New York City

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3/13/44	New York, New York	LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City
3/20/44 & 4/4/44	Mount Vernon, New York	[redacted] Committee for b7C United Labor Party, State Headquarters, 22 East 17th Street, New York City, Room 532
3/25/44	New York, New York	Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, 15 Union Square, New York 3, New York
3/29/44	Boston, South Station	Suite 401, 31 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts (Special Delivery)

At the Board of Elections, County Court House, White Plains, New York, the records indicate that LEVERETT GLEASON voted as a member of the American Labor Party in the elections of 1942 and 1943. He listed his home address as Park Drive, Chappaqua, New York.

A check of the telephone directories, Westchester County, New York, revealed that subject's home telephone number is Chappaqua 805, and a check of the New York City telephone directories indicates that the telephone for Comic House Incorporated is Murryhill 3-5415.

The records of the Westchester Credit Bureau in the possession of [redacted] White Plains, New York, were checked, but no pertinent information relative to LEVERETT GLEASON was revealed. b7C

The following description of subject was obtained from Confidential Informant A:

Born	February 25, 1898, Winchendon, Mass.
Age	46
Sex	Male
Color	White
Height	5' 7"
Weight	176 lbs.
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Marital Status	Married
Languages	Speaks and reads French
Occupation	Publisher

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Washington Field Division

At Washington, D. C.:

Will contact appropriate officials of the State Department and will obtain all information in their possession regarding the aims and purposes of the alleged visit made to the State Department by LEVERETT GLEASON and [REDACTED], as representatives of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, in July or August 1943. In addition, will obtain all information in the files of the State Department regarding GLEASON and the JAFRC.

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Will also check the files of the State Department for all information reflecting the movement of subject outside of the United States bearing in mind that GLEASON traveled to Mexico in August 1943 and paying particular attention to any possible trips made by GLEASON to Europe or the Soviet Union.

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New York Field Division

At New York, New York:

Will contact the officials of the "National Sportsman" and discreetly obtain information regarding the past activities of subject.

Will similarly contact officials of the "Open Road for Boys."

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Will likewise contact the officials of the "United Features Syndicate" for any information regarding past activities of subject indicating a pro-Communist attitude.

Will contact the Local Board covering 15 West 106th Street, former residence of subject, for information regarding subject's background, draft status and date of and reasons for his release from the United States Army. Will obtain handwriting specimens and description of subject.

Will discreetly ascertain subject's activities and associates while residing at 15 West 106th Street, New York City.

Will contact informants of the New York office relative to subject's Communist activities and affiliations in New York City.

From Special Service contacts of the New York office, who are acquainted with the publishing industry in the city, will obtain information relative to subject's publishing business, together with any Communist connections and activities. Will from these contacts, obtain the sources in New York City from which a photograph of subject may be obtained and when such source is disclosed, will make suitable arrangements to obtain a photograph of subject.

Will, if feasible, discreetly contact reliable individuals in the vicinity of 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, subject's place of business, and obtain from them information relative to his activities and associates.

Will at the New York Post Office, place mail cover on subject at his place of employment, 114 East 32nd Street.

At the New York Telephone Company, will obtain toll listings for subject's office telephone, MU 3-5415 and will ascertain if he is served by other telephones and if so will obtain toll listings on same.

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Will also obtain toll listings on subject's home telephone, Chappaqua 805.

Will, if feasible, obtain trash coverage of subject's place of employment at 114 East 32nd Street.

Will contact a reliable official of the Sterling National Bank, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, and will check subject's bank account for all items indicating connections with the Communist Party and its international organization.

Will check the credit records of New York City for information regarding subject.

Will check the morgues of reliable New York newspapers for information concerning LEVERETT GLEASON.

Will check the records of the New York City Police Department for information regarding LEVERETT GLEASON.

Will check the records of [redacted] in the New York area for information in their files pertaining to subject. b2

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Will similarly check the files of Confidential Informant A in the New York area.

Will ascertain the background activities and reputation of [redacted] who is apparently affiliated with the Committee for United Labor Party, Room 532, 22 East 17th Street, and will, if possible, develop his association with LEVERETT GLEASON.

Will ascertain the background and activities of [redacted] and will, if possible, endeavor to develop his connection with subject in instant case. b2

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Will ascertain the identity, reputation and activities of [redacted] it being noted that no address is presently available on this individual, but it is believed that he is located in the New York area. b7C

At Chappaqua, New York

Will develop confidential informant coverage of subject's activities in the vicinity of Park Drive.

Will report the results of mail cover placed with the Post Office.

Will, through suitable pretext or other discreet methods, attempt to obtain a photograph of subject.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following are the identities of the confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York, New York, May 10, 1944: b7C

[redacted] Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York, New York, December 23, 1943, New York File 100-25782, entitled [redacted] INTERNAL SECURITY - C, reflecting information obtained from New York Times morgue.

[redacted] Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Baltimore, Maryland, November 15, 1943, New York File 100-3642, entitled JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C. [redacted] (Baltimore Field Division)

[redacted] Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 8, 1943, New York File 100-3642, entitled JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C. (Copy of minutes of Executive Board meeting obtained by Chicago Field Division).

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-16214**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/23/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/17; 6/12/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] <b>b7C</b> <b>JPO:JAG</b>
TITLE <b>LEVERETT S. GLEASON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Search of indices of State Department failed to disclose application for or issuance of any passport to the subject since 1925. No record of any alleged visit made to the State Department by subject and [Redacted] as representatives of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in July or August, 1943. [Redacted] submitted a memorandum entitled "Proposed Program of Rehabilitation and Relief for the Anti-Fascist Refugees in North Africa." No information in addition to that already known by the Bureau contained in the records of the State Department concerning the JAFRC.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] dated **b7C** May 10, 1944, at New York, New York.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

[Redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that a search of the indices of the State Department failed to disclose that any passport had been applied for or issued to **LEVERETT S. GLEASON** since 1925. It may be noted that a passport is not required of an American citizen traveling to Mexico unless such travel is for business purposes, under which circumstances it is so required by the Mexican government. If such travel is for pleasure, the traveler is only required

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to obtain a Mexican tourist card which is obtainable at any of the Mexican Consulates in the United States.

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With reference to [redacted] and her activities with the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, it was noted that on December 11, 1942, she submitted a memorandum entitled "Proposed Program of Rehabilitation and Relief for the Anti-Fascist Refugees in North Africa," which memorandum she claims was prepared by the executive board of the organization (JAFRC). She stated in her letter, as follows:

"The immediate developments in North Africa create for the Anti-Fascist Refugees a most pressing problem. Before the occupation of North Africa by American troops, we sent funds regularly to the refugees in certain concentration camps. These internees were dependent upon this assistance for the purchase of additional food and medicine without which they could hardly have subsisted. The fact that we have been unable to send any funds to North Africa since occupation has imposed hardship and privation upon these men and women."

An examination of the seven-page memorandum which [redacted] submitted indicates it is concerned primarily with the Spanish republicans and members of the International Brigade and their families. The plan is divided into the following three major parts:

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1. Preliminary relief measures in the camp.
2. Rehabilitation program.
3. Evacuation and immigration.

[redacted] says that the program which she suggests can be most effectively carried out under the direction of [redacted] an outstanding American surgeon, and [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the indices of the State Department failed to reflect any information concerning subject.

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For the information of the New York Field Office, it was noted that an examination of the files of the State Department concerning the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee indicates that all of the information in possession of the State Department has been furnished them from time to time by the Bureau.

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June 30, 1944

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Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

OLEASON, LEVERETT S.

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

Park Drive  
Chappaqua, New York (Res.)

114 East 32nd Street  
New York, New York (Bus.)

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The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

**NY** FILE NO. **100-56664 GA**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, N. Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/22/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/14, 16/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <span style="float: right;">b7C</span>
TITLE <b>LEVERETT S. GLEASON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY -C</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Subject has organized Citizens' Political Action Committee, New Castle, N. Y.</p>			
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REFERENCE:		Report of Special Agent <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> May 10, 1944, <span style="float: right;">b7C</span>	
DETAILS:		<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 250px; height: 20px;"></div> advised that a check of the mail addressed to the subject at Park Drive, Chappaqua, New York had revealed nothing pertinent. He stated that he recently received the following communication signed by LEVERETT S. GLEASON:	
<p>b2</p> <p>"INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' COMMITTEE Town of New Castle FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT</p> <p>September 11, 1944</p> <p>Dear Friend:</p> <p>A group of us here in New Castle Township have organized a Citizens' Political Action Committee to further the election of President Roosevelt and Senator Truman- and other candidates who support the President.</p> <p>We have already rented a store on King Street as headquarters during the campaign and have ordered</p>			
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"four full page advertisements in the 'New Castle Tribune'. We plan an active campaign to roll up the largest possible Roosevelt vote in this Republican stronghold.

If you agree with us that it is vital to re-elect our President for the welfare of our country, to hasten victory, guarantee a lasting peace and assure post war jobs and prosperity you will want to join with us in bringing it about. We can, by hard work, pile up several hundred additional Roosevelt votes in our district.

We invite you to a small organizing meeting to be held at Odd Fellows Hall (above Bristol Fire House) Bedford Road, Chappaqua, N. Y., on Monday, September 18th at 8 o'clock.

Sincerely

LEVERETT S. GLEASON"

A copy of this letter is being retained in the files of the New York Field Division.

Arrangements were made with [redacted] to b2 cover the meeting scheduled by the Citizens' Political Action Committee at the Odd Fellows Hall, Chappaqua, N. Y. on Monday, September 18, 1944.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

b2 [ ] At Chappaqua, New York - Will contact [ ]  
[ ] and [ ] for information in their possession regarding the  
activities of the subject.

\* At New York, N. Y. - Will contact the officials of the  
"National Sportsman" and discreetly obtain information regarding  
the past activities of subject.

\* Will similarly contact officials of  
the "Open Road for Boys".

\* Will similarly contact officials of  
"Eastern Color Printing Company."

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activities and associates while residing at 15 West 106th Street,  
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York Office relative to subject's Communist activities and affiliations  
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Will from these contacts, obtain the sources in New York City from  
which a photograph of subject may be obtained and when such source  
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\* Will, if feasible, discreetly contact  
reliable individuals in the vicinity of 114 East 32nd Street, New  
York City, subject's place of business, and obtain from them  
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS (Cont.)

\* Will at the New York Post Office, place mail cover on subject at his place of employment, 114 East 32nd Street.

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\* Will check the records of the New York City Police Department for information regarding LEVERETT GLEASON. b7D

\* Will check the records of [redacted] in the New York area for information in their files pertaining to subject. b2

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\* Will ascertain the background and activities of [redacted] and will, if possible, endeavor to develop his connection with the subject in instant case. b7C

\* Will ascertain the identity, reputation and activities of [redacted] it being noted that no address is presently available on this individual, but it is believed that he is located in the New York area.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 22, 1944 at New York, N. Y. b7C are as follows:

[redacted] [redacted] Chappaqua, N. Y. b2  
who requested that his name be kept confidential.

[redacted] Westchester County, b7D  
who requested that his name be kept confidential. b7C



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TITLE <b>LEVERETT S. GLEASON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject elected President Independent Citizens Committee, Chappaqua, N.Y. 9/19/44. [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] elected [REDACTED] and subject's wife  
elected Chairman of Women's Committee. Results of mail cover set out.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 22, 1944.

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**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] advised on September 18, 1944, he attended a meeting of the Independent Citizens Committee for New York. He furnished the following report covering the activities of the meeting: b2

"An organization meeting of the above-mentioned group was held in the Odd Fellows Hall, Chappaqua, N.Y. on Monday evening September 18th, 1944.

[REDACTED] took charge of the meeting and stated that a group of neighbors in the town of New Castle was anxious to help reelect our President and that it had been decided to organize a Committee for this purpose. He then introduced Mr. Leverett Gleason who outlined the purpose and gave in detail the plans for the future. b7C

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"He stated that contributions of approximately Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) had been received and that a store in the business district had been rented as headquarters. Four full page advertisements have been contracted for in the New Castle Tribune and a vast quantity of campaign literature has been received from the Democratic National Committee.

"He further stated that it is the purpose of the group to pick up several hundred votes for the President and to wake up the smug Republicans and let them know that this year, they will not have everything their own way. This could be accomplished by each person present bringing in about eight additional friends. He stated that election of officers was necessary and that with hard work, it would be possible to make a good showing in this solid Republican stronghold.

[redacted] candidate for State Senator was introduced and given the floor. He spoke for about ten minutes and stated that even though he knew he could not be elected, he was willing to allow his name to be used and was willing to give of his time and effort to help elect President Roosevelt.

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[redacted] was then introduced and given the floor. He stated that he was at a loss as to how to address such an intellectual group. He said that he was accustomed to speaking to Negro groups and other laboring classes. He said that headquarters are being opened in the Roger Smith Hotel for the organization of Westchester County. The labor union groups resisted at first, but he said that the reaction at present was more favorable. The labor groups in districts which are not unionized are being covered by foreign speaking agents. It became apparent that this man is a paid organizer, who is accustomed to rough and tumble tactics. He said that it was his custom to appeal to the illiterate from a bread and butter standpoint. It is his purpose to organize committees in all parts of the county. This action is necessary because the results of this State are not at all certain.

"A general discussion from the floor followed. A lady who said that she was an election inspector for the Democratic party in the third district of Mt. Kisco related the procedure for getting the people to come out to register. She also stated that their district never had enough money to run their campaign. Mr. Gleason asked how this committee could help the present organization. He was told that if additional money was available, it would be possible to get out a heavier registration. Mr. Gleason assured her that if necessary, money would be supplied for the purpose of renting cars, etc.

"Several other speakers offered suggestions. One man who said he was an artist living in the Ossining end of the township volunteered to paint posters. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] be contacted to speak at meetings held at private homes. Mr. Gleason said he was intimate with her and knew that she would cooperate.

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"Election of Officers followed:

Mr. Leverett Gleason was elected President. He said that he would accept if those present would assist him in this work. This was necessary because of his other connections in both State and National organization groups.

[redacted] was elected [redacted] and when he asked that his [redacted] this was so ordered.

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[redacted] was placed [redacted] with [redacted] as [redacted] It would be their duties to distribute literature, keep the store open, etc.

Mrs. Gleason was chosen as Chairman of a Committee to raise funds.

"During the course of his talk, [redacted] said that this election was very vital and that it was now or never. Subscriptions were then asked for from those present. A number of checks, bills and pledges were received. Mr. Gleason contributed \$100.00. Another check from an anonymous donor was received for \$100.00. Other bills and checks were received until the total was over \$300.00

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"About 35 persons were present at the meeting. About five or six were definitely of Irish extraction and from their comments were old time democrats. The others were of foreign extraction who appeared Jewish. Most of them were well educated and well dressed. Many were dark and of swarthy appearance.

"During the evening file cards were passed out and those present were asked to register their names, addresses, phone numbers and indicate as to whether they would allow their names to be used at the bottom of the newspaper advertisements."

[redacted] further advised that the following automobile license numbers were observed in the vicinity of the meeting hall:

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1941 Dodge  
1490 Buick  
1397 Terraplane

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1938 Packard  
1939 Ford

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1942 Oldsmobile  
1937 Dodge  
1938 Chevrolet  
1938 Chevrolet  
1939 Packard  
1938 Plymouth

In the "New Castle Tribune", Chappaqua, New York, the following news item appeared under date of September 22, 1944:

"MINORITY GROUP BACKS FDR

"A group of residents from the Town of New Castle set up an independent citizens committee on Monday to seek the re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"At a meeting in the Chappaqua Fire House on Bedford Road, the group chose its principal officers, held preliminary discussion on strategy, and heard two Democratic candidates for the State legislature.

"L.S. Gleason of Chappaqua, was elected chairman of the new organization, which is known officially as the Independent Citizens Committee of New Castle Township for the Re-Election of President Roosevelt.

"Other officers chosen, all residents of Chappaqua, were Headquarters Committee E. N. O'Flynn and Mrs. M. Rosenthal, co-chairman; Finance Committee, Mr. and Mrs. L. U. Harris, co-chairmen; and Women's Committee, Mrs. L. S. Gleason, chairman.

"Mr. Gleason announced the opening of Committee headquarters on King Street, just across from the Post Office.

"The candidates who addressed the meeting were William F. Luddy of Harrison, who is running for State Senator from the 31st District, and Charles Graham, of Valhalla, candidate for Assembly from the 6th District.

"Mr. Luddy stressed the importance of encouraging new residents of Westchester to register so that they may vote "in the most important election this country ever held" involving issues which will effect the destiny of untold millions in the coming years."

"About 50 persons, from all parts of New Castle, attended the meeting."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had received the following mail addressed to him at Park Drive, Chappaqua, New York: b2 b7C

September 22 Postmarked Harrison, New York, [redacted]  
Nilssen Kennels, Harrison, New York;  
September 21 Postmarked Camp Stewart, Georgia, [redacted]  
3rd A.A.R.T. Group, Casual Detachment, Camp Stewart, Georgia.  
September 26 Postmarked New York, from Suite 1501, 192 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City;  
October 2 Postmarked White Plains, New York, Roosevelt Committee of b7C  
Westchester, 175 Main Street, White Plains;  
October 2 Postmarked New York, JOHN POOLE LTD., 400 Madison Avenue,  
New York City.  
October 10 Postmarked Mexico, from Apartado 10214, Mexico D. F.  
October 16 Postmarked New York City, [redacted] National  
Citizens Political Action Committee, Hotel Shelton, 49th  
Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City;  
October 26 Postmarked New York City, J. H. TAYLOR MANAGEMENT CORPORATION,  
39 Union Square;

On October 22, 1944 an advertisement appeared in the "New Castle Tribune", Chappaqua, New York, such advertisement being published by the Independent Citizens Committee of New Castle, contained the following names:

LEVERETT S. GLEASON  
MORTON ROSENTHAL  
S. FELS RECHT  
CONALD MAC AULEY  
BERNARD W. CRAVEN  
E. N. O'FLYNN  
LEMET U. HARRIS  
DONALD GIBBS  
STANLEY GRANT

The above-mentioned advertisement advocated the re-election of President Roosevelt and contained no information pertinent to instant investigation.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At Chappaqua, New York

Will recontact [redacted] for any information b2 in his possession regarding the activities of subject.

Will attempt to obtain additional informant coverage of subject's activities in the vicinity of his home, Park Drive, Chappaqua.

At New York City

\* Will contact the officials of the "National Sportsman" and discreetly obtain information regarding the past activities of subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 8, 1944, at New York City, are as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Chappaqua, New York,  
who requested that his name be kept confidential.

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[redacted]

Westchester County,  
who requested that his name be kept confidential.

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SHAY. RE LEVERETT GLEASON, IS-C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON MARCH TWELFTH, NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE THAT THE

SUBJECT IN A DISCUSSION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE JOINT ANTI-FASCIST

REFUGEE COMMITTEE WITH [REDACTED] EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THAT

GROUP, MENTIONED THAT HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT ON MARCH THIRTEEN,

NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE WITH WALTER WINCHELL. NATURE OF MEETING WITH

WINCHELL NOT DISCLOSED. SUBJECT IS PUBLISHER OF READER'S SCOPE

MENTIONED BY WINCHELL AND RECOMMENDED FOR READING BY HIM SEVERAL

TIMES ON HIS WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM. ABOVE FURNISHED FOR BUREAU'S

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/5/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/6,20;5/4/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>b7C</b>
TITLE <b>LEVERETT S. GLEASON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Subject is editor of "Readers Scope" magazine to which several known Communists have contributed articles. Subject is also Program Chairman and Vice President of newly formed Chappaqua Community Club, Chappaqua, New York.</b>			
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REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> dated December 8, 1944 at New York City.</b> <b>b7C</b>			
DETAILS: <b>LEVERETT S. GLEASON is listed as editor of the "Readers Scope" magazine according to December 1944 issue. "Readers Scope" appears to be an imitation of "Readers Digest". The December issue of "Readers Scope" magazine contains articles by such known Communists as WALTER ANDERSON, ELLA WINTER and CHARLES DEXTER. "Readers Scope" is published by PICTURE SCOOP INC., 114 East 32nd Street, New York City.</b>			
<b>The "Daily Worker" newspaper for March 23, 1943 carried an article which stated that ARTHUR BERNHARD, publisher, and LEVERETT S. GLEASON, editor of the "Readers Scope", planned to present the Readers Scope Award to the American who had made the year's most outstanding contribution to the fight against native Fascists and the threat of Fascism to America. The Readers Scope Award was said to be a bronze plaque and \$5000 cash.</b>			
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]:

Chief CHARLES LESLIE ROMAINE of the Chappaqua Police Department, Chappaqua, New York, furnished a clipping from the "New Castle Tribune" of Chappaqua dated April 5, 1945. This clipping consisted of an article written by KENNETH WILSON, associate editor of the "Readers Digest". The following is a summary of the information in this news item: b7C

On April 2, 1945 the first regular meeting of the newly founded Chappaqua Community Council was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LEVERETT S. GLEASON, and was attended by about 30 members and guests. Mr. GLEASON, as program chairman of the council, served as moderator. A panel discussion was held, the subject of which was "The Obstacles to Permanent Peace". One member of the panel was LEMENT U. HARRIS.

The news article also carried a group photograph, including the subject, picturing some of those who attended the meeting. The persons appearing in the picture were S. FELS HECHT, president; LEVERETT GLEASON, first vice-president; WILLIAM HARD, Jr., second vice-president; Mrs. LEVERETT GLEASON; ROSALINE ROSENTHAL; KENNETH WILSON, publicity; Mrs. KENNETH WILSON, membership; F. BILTCHIK; Mrs. J. BILTCHIK; Mrs. JAMES CONNACHER; Mrs. S. FELS HECHT and Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN C. PELER.

The article stated that the Chappaqua Community Council was founded to encourage a more progressive and democratic spirit in the Township of New Castle.

[redacted] furnished the original photograph which appeared in the April 5, 1945 issue of the "New Castle Tribune". Copies of this photograph are being retained in the New York File. b2

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on April 16, 1945 that the subject had not been active in any way in Chappaqua insofar as meetings or gatherings were concerned and said that little had been seen or heard of GLEASON since the past election. This informant further advised that he did not think anyone lived in the area where GLEASON resides could be contacted discreetly since quite a number of neighbors have assisted GLEASON in forming the Independent Citizens Committee. b2

[redacted] stated that he was unable to furnish any information concerning any recent activities of the subject. b2

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York City:

- \* Will contact the officials of the "National Sportsman" and discreetly obtain information regarding the past activities of subject.
- \* Will similarly contact officials of the "Open Road for Boys".
- \* Will similarly contact officials of "Eastern Color Printing Company".
- \* Will likewise contact the officials of the "United Features Syndicate" for any information regarding past activities of subject, indicating a pro-Communist attitude.
- \* Will contact the Local Board covering 15 West 106th Street, former residence of subject, for information regarding subject's background, draft status and date of and reasons for his release from the United States Army. Will obtain handwriting specimens and description of subject.
- \* Will discreetly ascertain subject's activities and associates while residing at 15 West 106th Street.
- \* Will contact informants of the New York Office relative to subject's Communist activities and affiliations in New York City.
- \* From Special Service contacts of the New York Office, who are acquainted with the publishing industry in the city, will obtain information relative to subject's publishing business, together with any Communist connections and activities.
- \* Will, if feasible, discreetly contact reliable individuals in the vicinity of 114 East 52nd Street, subject's place of business, and obtain from them information relative to his activities and associates.
- \* Will at the New York Telephone Company, obtain toll listings for subject's office telephone, MU 3-5415 and will ascertain if he is served by other telephones and if so will obtain toll listings on same.
- \* Will also obtain toll listings on subject's home telephone.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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The Confidential Informants referred to in the report of Special Agent dated May 5, 1945 at New York City, are as follows:

[redacted] Chappaqua, New York, who requested that his identity be kept confidential. b2

[redacted] Westchester County, New York, who requested that his identity be kept confidential. b7D b7C

[redacted] Chappaqua, New York. [redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential. b7D

MEMORANDUM

May 12, 1945

Re: [REDACTED] - Summary

There is no information available regarding this individual except that an [REDACTED] was chosen as a member of the Headquarters Committee at a meeting of the Independent Citizens Committee, Chappaqua, New York, on September 19, 1944. This individual's name also appeared in an advertisement issued by this organization advocating the re-election of President Roosevelt. It might be noted that this was the avowed purpose of the Committee.

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The president elected for the above Committee was Leverrett S. Gleason, who is known to be active in Communist organizations and publications. He has collaborated with Albert E. Kahn and is a friend of [REDACTED] active Communists.

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Gleason, in August of 1943, attended a convention of the Federation of Organizations for the Aid of Spanish Republicans. (100-165971) The convention was held in Mexico City. Gleason is the publisher of Reader's Scope which is regarded as a Communist front publication.

With regard to [REDACTED] it might be noted that

[REDACTED] were elected as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Independent Citizens Committee of Chappaqua,

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New York. [REDACTED] is regarded as one of the outstanding members of the Communist underground in America. [REDACTED] is a confidante of Earl Browder and other top Communist functionaries in the Communist Political Association.

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**MEMORANDUM**

May 12, 1945

Re: [REDACTED]

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There is no information available concerning the above individuals; however, it is quite possible that they are identical with [REDACTED] who were chosen as [REDACTED] of the Independent Citizens Committee, Chappaqua, New York, on September 19, 1944. The alleged purpose of this Committee was to aid the re-election of President Roosevelt and Leverrett S. Gleason was elected president of the group. Gleason has been active in Communist front organizations and is known to be connected with Communist publishing groups. Gleason published "The Truth About the Red Army" and "Inside Russia."

With regard to [REDACTED] it might be noted that he is regarded as one of the outstanding members of the Communist underground. He is known to be a confidante of Earl Browder and practically all top Communist functionaries. His activities have tied him into the Alto Case and he appears to travel extensively throughout the country on missions for the Communist Political Association. (25-14066)

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MEMORANDUMRe: H. Paul Herz - *Handwritten signature*

There is no information available on the above name. A Paul Herz is reported to be a one-time member of the German Socialist Party's central executive committee and secretary of that party's caucus deputies in the Reichstag and from 1933 to 1938 to be a member of the presidium of the German Socialist Party in exile in Prague. He is a close associate of [redacted] b7C

[redacted] Both of these men are representatives of the German group known as "New Beginning." Paul Herz is said to have had a fight with his old friend, [redacted] and thereafter broke with the Socialist Party.

This [redacted] appears to have come to the United States in 1938 and lived for awhile in Los Angeles, California, under impoverished conditions. In 1942, it was understood he was brought to New York under the sponsorship and at the expense of [redacted] [redacted] is said to have used [redacted] as a front in order to avoid accusations made against him as being a Communist.

Former Socialist associates of [redacted] state that they do not consider him a turncoat. They believed that his mind has cracked and that he has been affected by the hardships of exile. (100-90431-8 Page 3) b7C

A Dr. Paul Herz, described as a former member of the Reichstag, was a sponsor on the visa application of [redacted]

[redacted] is described as having been actively engaged in left wing political activities before the advent of the Nazi regime,

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and after the Nazis came into power he continued these activities in refuge. He was also an associate of Modigliani, who reportedly has been prominently mentioned in Moscow. It might be noted that Venedey was approved for admittance to the United States by the Board of Appeals after the FBI, USIS, State, War, and Navy Departments had voted unanimously not to admit him. (40-25876)

The name H. Herz appeared on the active indices of a Washington, D. C. Committee for Spanish Refugee Aid and American Refugee Ship Mission, both of these organizations being branches of the United American Spanish Aid Committee. (100-7061-124)

The Modigliani mentioned above was active in Italian Socialist circles.



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Re:

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No information is available on this individual.

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MEMORANDUM

Re: [redacted]

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It appears that the above individual participated in a meeting with the Independent Citizens Committee of Chappaqua, New York, which reportedly had the purpose of aiding the re-election of President Roosevelt. The meeting was held on September 19, 1944.

Levenrett S. Gleason was elected President of this group and it might be noted that he has been connected with Communist organizations. Gleason is a veteran of the First and Second World Wars, is an editor, has been connected with the magazines "Friday" and "Unbelievable" and published "Inside Russia" and "The Truth About the Red Army." In 1943, Gleason attended a convention of the Federation of Organizations for Aid of Spanish Republicans.

A person known only as [redacted] was named on an employment application for [redacted] and who at one time was employed by the United States Navy as an architect. [redacted] was subsequently ruled unfit for Government employment for the duration of the war by the Civil Service Commission. It is known that a [redacted] connected with Columbia University was on the mailing list of the New York Conference for Inalienable Rights. (100-26640-17, 20)

With further regard to the Independent Citizens Committee of Chappaqua, it might be noted that a Mr. and Mrs.

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[redacted] were chosen as [redacted]

[redacted] is believed to be [redacted]

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who is an outstanding worker in the Communist Political Association. He is a confidante of Earl Browder and of other top functionaries of the organization.

A [redacted] resides at [redacted] Chappaqua, New York, and holds telephone number, [redacted] On January 28, 1945, [redacted] was in contact with [redacted]

[redacted] at which time he advised he was sending telegrams to Senators Mead and Wagner to put pressure on these and other Senators for [redacted] confirmation.

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[redacted] advised that she intended to do the same herself.

M E M O R A N D U M

May 12, 1945

Re: Everett Gleason

There is no information on the above name; however, an individual named Leverrett S. Gleason appears to be active among Communist groups. Leverrett Gleason is a native of Winchendon, Massachusetts, where he was born on February 25, 1897. He attended Harvard College in 1916 and 1917 and he served in the United States Army from 1917 to 1919 and from July 2, 1942, until sometime prior to August 21, 1943.

He is known to have been employed as the Editor and Publisher of Comic House, Incorporated, New York, New York. From 1922 to 1942, he was Circulation Manager of the magazines "Friday" and "Unbelievable." He has published "Inside Russia" and "The Truth About the Red Army." He has also been associated with "Magazine House" and "Lev Gleason Publications."

He collaborated with Albert E. Kahn and is a friend of [redacted] both active Communists.

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Gleason was present at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in May, 1943. In August, 1943, he attended a convention of the Federation of Organizations for Aid of Spanish Republicans held in Mexico City. In August of 1943, he wrote a letter to the Editor of the Newcastle Tribune, Chappaqua, New York, extolling the virtues of the Soviet Russia constitution.

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On September 19, 1944, Gleason was elected President of the Independent Citizens Committee, Chappaqua, New York. The meeting was held in the Odd Fellows Hall and the purpose of the group was to pick up several hundred votes for President Roosevelt.

On October 22, 1944, an advertisement appeared in the Newcastle Tribune advocating the re-election of President Roosevelt. Among those names listed was that of Leverrett S. Gleason. (100-165971)

Gleason is the Publisher of Reader's Scope which has been recommended for reading by Walter Winchell. The latter publication is regarded as a Communist front publication.

With regard to Gleason's association with [redacted]

[redacted] it might be noted that the latter is an outstanding b7C figure in the Communist Political Association. He is known to be a confidante of Earl Browder and all top CPA functionaries.

## Office Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Nicholson

DATE: May 12, 1945

FROM : M. J. Jones

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Everett Gleason, [REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED] discussed the preparation of memoranda on the above individuals with Special Agent L. Whitson. The latter advised that extreme care should be used in discussing the case involving [REDACTED]. He advised that [REDACTED] is involved in the Communist investigation being conducted by the Bureau and that to divulge any information on him might kick over the investigation actively being conducted in the field.

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He recommended that all information relative to this subject be cleared through Mr. Ladd's office.

RECOMMENDATION: That the suggestion made by Mr. Whitson be followed.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 2, 1945

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LEVERETT S. GLEASON  
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A review of the file fails to disclose that the subject is of sufficient importance in the Communist Movement to warrant the continued designation of a key figure. Therefore, he is being deleted from the New York Key Figure List. A Security Index Card on the subject is being maintained.

The undeveloped leads in this case are not being covered and the case is being marked closed, subject to being reopened if any information is received in the future to warrant such action.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. 100-56664

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/2/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/11,12/45	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C
TITLE LEVERETT S. GLEASON		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Subject presently residing Chappaqua, NY, and active as organizer and leader of Chappaqua Community Council and publisher of "New Castle News", weekly newspaper at Chappaqua, NY. Also still employed as editor of "Readers Scope", magazine, NYC. Subject alleged to be promoter and publisher of a new monthly magazine "Salute". Subject has frequent contact with [redacted] and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. b7C			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, 5/5/45. b7C			
DETAILS:  This case has been re-opened to report subject's current activities. Information was received from [redacted] to the effect that LEVERETT S. GLEASON and [redacted] formed an organization known as the Chappaqua Community Council on March 14, 1945. LEVERETT GLEASON was elected as vice president, Mrs. GLEASON as secretary, and [redacted] was elected treasurer. [redacted] was not elected as an officer, but information was received that he has been active and was instrumental in forming instant group. b7C			
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The first meeting of this organization was held on April 2, 1945 at the home of GLEASON, at which time approximately thirty members and guests attended. GLEASON was appointed as Program Chairman. [ ] spoke at this meeting, at which time he stressed the growing spirit of cooperation between labor and capital. b7C

A photograph of the officers of this group, including Subject GLEASON, was obtained from [ ] and has been placed in the exhibit section of the New York Field Office files. b2

It is pointed out here that [ ] has previously been reported as extensively active in Communist affairs and is thought to be employed as a confidential financial secretary for the Communist Party. b7D b7C

Speakers, who have appeared before the Chappaqua Community Council on programs arranged by GLEASON, have included MICHAEL SAYERS, co-author of the book "Sabotage". Other speakers have included [ ] former war correspondent who has written various articles exposing unfavorable conditions in Veterans Administration hospitals. Another speaker on July 11, 1945 was [ ] Indian publisher and friend of NEHRU and GANDHI. b7C Another speaker who appeared before the Chappaqua Community Council was [ ] This individual is a radio commentator and writer who has previously been reported as pro-Communist and pro-Russian.

Considerable unfavorable publicity appeared in a weekly newspaper at Chappaqua, New York, known as the "New Castle Tribune", regarding the Chappaqua Community Council and the actions of GLEASON and HARRIS. Apparently in order to counteract this unfavorable publicity, GLEASON created a new publication, a weekly newspaper at Chappaqua, entitled "New Castle News", the first copy of which was printed on November 1, 1945. A review of that newspaper indicates that GLEASON is listed as publisher and one SIGANA S. EARLE is listed as editor. A further review of the newspaper reveals that it carries a weekly column by JOHANNES STEELE. This column written by STEELE usually pertains to world affairs and on each occasion has closely followed the Communist Party line. In various articles he has stated that the atomic bomb secret should be given to Russia and has advocated closer relations with Russia.

Chief C. L. ROMAINE, of the New Castle Police Department, Chappaqua, New York, advised that on Halloween night several young boys smeared the plate glass windows of the office of the "New Castle News" with the words "Jews, Communist". In the copy of the "New Castle News" which appeared on November 8, 1945, GLEASON printed a photograph of his front window showing the words mentioned above. This picture appeared directly above a photograph of a store

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in Germany prior to the outbreak of the war, showing the windows smeared with the word "Jud". He made a comparison of the smearing of his newspaper office windows to the action of the Fascists in Germany smearing the store windows of Jews prior to the war. He also wrote an editorial on this matter, stating that the individuals who smeared his newspaper windows were undoubtedly Fascists.

An article appeared in the "New York Telegram" on December 11, 1945 by FREDERICK WOLTMAN, World Telegram Staff Writer, stating that LEVERETT S. GLEASON intends to act as promoter and publisher of a new monthly magazine entitled "Salute", due to be published in February 1946. WOLTMAN states in this article that GLEASON apparently plans to capitalize on the army magazine "Yank" by employing former servicemen who got it out and by imitating its format and style. WOLTMAN stated that the current editors of "Salute" include the former managing editors of the publication "Yank" in the Mediterranean and British editions and also in the Mediterranean edition of the "Stars and Stripes". WOLTMAN states that at present their salaries are paid by LEVERETT GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, of 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. WOLTMAN, in his article, sets out background information of GLEASON alleging that he has been known as a pro-Communist fellow traveller in the past. He sets out the fact that GLEASON was formerly editor of the magazine "Friday" which closely followed the Communist Party line prior to the war. He also states that GLEASON is presently editorial director of "Readers Scope", published by the PICTURE SCOOP COMPANY, apparently a magazine which follows closely the Communist Party line. It is pointed out here that the foreign editor of "Readers Scope" is JOHANNES STEELE previously reported as a pro-Soviet radio commentator.

WOLTMAN's article also sets out the fact that GLEASON became one of the five directors of the "Peoples Radio Foundation" which was organized by [redacted] who for over [redacted] to the Communist Party. According to WOLTMAN's article, GLEASON's new magazine, "Salute", presently has headquarters at 19 Park Place, New York City, and states that its size and format are identical with the magazine "Yank". b7C

A review of the information contained in the New York Field Office files reveals that GLEASON is presently editorial manager of "Readers Scope". Information has previously been reported regarding various writers and employees of "Readers Scope" to the effect that they have been connected with Communist Party affairs.

Information received from [redacted] indicates that GLEASON is closely associated with ALEXANDER L. TRACHTENBERG, head of "International Publishers", official Communist book publisher. GLEASON and TRACHTENBERG have on a number of occasions discussed publication projects of the Communist Party. Also information received from [redacted] indicates that GLEASON and [redacted] are rather closely associated and on occasion confer regarding political matters pertaining to Communist Party policies. b2 b7C

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NEW YORK

AT CHAPPAQUA, NEW YORK

Will follow and report subject's activities in Communist Party affairs.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] New York, January 2, 1946 , are as follows: b2

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chappaqua, New York. b7D  
(Treated as confidential at her specific request.) b7C

[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. b2

[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. b2  
This informant and the previous informant have been  
described as temporary informants to further  
protect their identity.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 15, 1946

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: LEVERETT S. GLEASON  
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Transmitted herewith is a photograph of the subject.

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TITLE <b>"CHANGED" LEVERETT S. GLEASON, wa; <u>Lev Gleason</u></b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

GLEASON continues as editor of "Reader's Scope", publisher of "Salute" and publisher of "New Castle News", Chappaqua, New York. He is one of the directors of the ~~PEOPLES~~ RADIO FOUNDATION INC., a Communist proposed FM radio station. He supported candidacy of  for Congress in NYC by-election in 1946. He was one of 17 persons on executive board of JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE who were subjected to contempt charges by House of Representatives for refusing to supply subpoenaed records of this organization. He continues to maintain contact with known Communists and to aid in raising funds for various reported Communist front organizations and projects.

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**REFERENCE**

Bureau File #100-165971.  
Report of Special Agent   
New York City, 1/2/46.

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**DETAILS**

The title of this report is being changed to reflect the addition of subject's nickname **LEV GLEASON**.

An article appeared in the "PEOPLES VOICE", Communist controlled negro weekly in New York City, for August 5, 1944 as a result of an interview by  with **LEVERETT S. GLEASON**, who had just become editor of **b7C**

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the new national digest magazine, "READER'S SCOPE". The article stated: "Gleason is a tall, New Englander, a veteran of both World Wars, a fast thinker, who has been a stock broker, a Broadway restaurateur, a comic book publisher, as well as a publisher of other fast selling paper covered books, "The Incredible Tito" by HOWARD FAST; "When and How the War Will End" by JOHANNES STEEL; and "Sabotage" by MICHAEL SAYERS and ALBERT KAHN.

The article stated that many years ago GLEASON worked in a stock exchange firm editing its monthly paper to the clients but that he was very unhappy in this job; that a fellow employee of his shared his dislike and together they planned to leave, this fellow employee being WALTER PIDGEON, the screen actor.

According to the article, GLEASON was a Bostonian whose maternal grandfather and the person for whom he was named, LEVERETT G. E. STONE, devoted much of his fortitude and energies to the abolitionist movement in the border states of Kentucky and Ohio. The article stated that his father Dr. AARON GLEASON, a sergeant in the United States Army during the Civil War, retired to New Hampshire where for many years after the war he devoted much of his practice to the free treatment of negro veterans.

An article in the Daily Worker of December 17, 1944, indicated that GLEASON was one of five directors of PEOPLES RADIO FOUNDATION INC., located at 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The purpose of this foundation, the article stated, was to set up a community type FM station in which trade unions, peoples organizations and progressive leaders in religious, civic, fraternal and community life could participate and guide the policies of programs and services.

PEOPLES RADIO FOUNDATION INC. is known to the New York Field Office to be a Communist front project.

[redacted] advised that in October 1945 in connection with attempts by AMERICAN YOUTH FOR A FREE WORLD, whose national headquarters is in New York City, to raise funds to defray expenses for delegates to the WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS in London, England, October 31 to November 9, 1945, [redacted] then national executive secretary of AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, discussed with [redacted] of AMERICAN YOUTH FOR A FREE WORLD, concerning ways and means of raising more money. b2 b7C

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[ ] inquired as to the receptivity of LEVERETT S. GLEASON who has been long a financial angel for numerous Communist front organizations and projects in New York City. [ ] told [ ] that he had contacted GLEASON a short time before, at which time GLEASON gave him a song and dance about how many thousands of dollars he had raised for the Spanish Appeal Committee during the previous period. According to [ ] GLEASON claimed that he had for the time being exhausted his contacts. b7C

On October 29, 1945, [ ] advised that [ ] an employee of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, conferred with GLEASON concerning the raising of \$20,000 on behalf of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE. Informant said that a dinner was to be held at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, on October 29, 1945 at which GLEASON had agreed to speak. b2 b7C

An article in the November 8, 1945 issue of the NEW CASTLE NEWS, of Chappaqua, New York, of which publication GLEASON is publisher, deplored the "vandalism and crude slander as base and sly as the Hitler pattern" which had manifested itself under the cloak of Halloween in anti-semitic inscriptions smeared on store windows in Chappaqua.

FREDERICK WOLTMAN wrote an article in the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM for December 11, 1945, in which he explained how GLEASON "a pro-Communist fellow traveller" planned to capitalize on the Army magazine "YANK" by employing former servicemen who got it out and by imitating its format and style. The article stated that an investigation by the WORLD TELEGRAM disclosed that GLEASON was the promoter of a new monthly magazine called "SAIUTE", due to be published in February of 1946. The article said that "SAIUTE's" current editors include the former managing editors of YANK's Mediterranean and British editions and STARS AND STRIPES' Mediterranean edition and that their salaries were paid by LEV. GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, 111 East 32nd Street, New York City. 10/12

According to this article, it was from this address that "FRIDAY", a weekly publication, was published in 1940 and 1941. WOLTMAN said that "FRIDAY" enthusiastically played up Communist led strikes in vital arms industries, excoriated conscription and lend lease and backed AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION, which was the spearhead of the drive against America's defense preparations. "FRIDAY" was later changed to "SCOOP", which soon folded.

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WOLTMAN declared that at this same address, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, GLEASON served as editorial director of "READER'S SCOPE", which was a digest type magazine similar to "READER'S DIGEST". WOLTMAN pointed out that the foreign editor for "READER'S SCOPE" then was JOHANNES STEEL, pro-Soviet radio commentator. The article stated that GLEASON also published comic magazines under the name COMIC HOUSE INC., at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City.

[redacted] advised on December 16, 1945 that GLEASON told ALBERT E. KAHN, author and president of the JEWISH PEOPLES FRATERNAL ORDER, of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, that he was suing FREDERICK WOLTMAN of the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM for the article previously mentioned. GLEASON added that he had a good case against WOLTMAN because the latter had been careless in the first editions of the paper. During this conference KAHN suggested that he, KAHN, invest some \$5000 in GLEASON's business but GLEASON reminded him that he had sufficient funds and did not need any additional funds but that if KAHN desired to do so he would make room for him. b2

On December 20, 1945, [redacted] advised that [redacted] then believed to be an undercover financial agent for the Communist Party, USA, was endeavoring to interest [redacted] well known, wealthy, Pacific coast Communist in supporting "SALUTE" and that the Communist Party was desirous of raising \$100,000.00 for this publication. Informant said that [redacted] agreed to give additional money to the Communist Party but for the time being she would not invest any funds in the magazine. b2 b7C

According to an article in the DAILY WORKER of February 6, 1946, GLEASON was a member of a veterans committee which had been formed to back the candidacy of JOHANNES STEEL in the 19th Congressional District in New York City.

On February 14, 1946 [redacted] advised that [redacted] of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, contacted GLEASON. GLEASON indicated that he had a lobbyist at work in Washington who was employed in the Government but whose name he did not divulge. [redacted] and GLEASON discussed the possibility of bringing pressure upon the Democratic National Committee and Postmaster General ROBERT HANEGAN, Democratic National Chairman, in order that Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY, national chairman of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, would not be cited for contempt by the House Committee on Un-American Affairs. Various other persons were discussed who could assist in bringing such pressure. b2 b7C

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On February 20, 1946 the same informant advised that GLEASON was asked by [redacted] "THE PROTESTANT" to assist in planning a dinner to be sponsored by "THE PROTESTANT" on April 2, 1946, at which HAROLD HICKES, former Secretary of the Interior, would be the main speaker. b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] previously mentioned, was in constant contact with GLEASON until he, [redacted] left New York City for Chicago early in 1946 where he assumed his duties as [redacted] of the Communist Party, USA. b2 b7C  
Over a period of the last few years [redacted] and GLEASON exchanged confidences on numerous occasions.

The NEW YORK TIMES for March 7, 1946 carried an article to the effect that GLEASON was one of seventeen persons who were members of the Executive Board of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE named by Representative JOHN WOOD, Chairman of the House of Representatives committee investigating un-american activities, as being subject to joint contempt charges for instructing their Chairman Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY to refuse to supply subpoenaed records. WOOD said that a report would be filed with the House of Representatives the following week asking approval of the contempt proceedings and if the House upheld the Committee the request would be turned over to the Department of Justice. The House of Representatives, by a 292 to 56 vote on April 16, 1946, according to the NEW YORK TIMES for April 17, 1946, cited the seventeen individuals referred to above, including GLEASON, to the United States District Attorney for their refusal to produce records of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE.

Representative GEORGE A. DONDERO, of Michigan, according to the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM for March 15, 1946, on March 8, 1946 officially accused "SALUTE" magazine of being an "insidious hoax" and a means by the Communist Party of infiltrating into "veterans organizations and to incite veterans against our Government". Representative DONDERO said the magazine in its first issue "followed the Communist line to the letter". He said that in "SALUTE" the Communists were cleverly exploiting the "suicidal policy of the War Department in permitting individuals with Communist records to take control of Army publications". He continued "In fact, they have even copied the format of "YANK" in order to befuddle the veterans". DONDERO stated that GLEASON had been "connected with Communist line publications 'FRIDAY', 'SCOOP' and 'READER'S SCOPE' but for some unexplained reason Mr. GLEASON's name was not mentioned in the first issue of SALUTE".

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The WORLD TELEGRAM stated that among the articles in the first issue of "SALUTE" were articles by JAMES DUGAN, former writer for the YOUNG COMMUNIST REVIEW, and DE WITT GILPIN, former DAILY WORKER correspondent.

GLEASON was the writer of an editorial which appeared in the NEW CASTLE NEWS for March 28, 1946 entitled "PLAYING WITH OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES". In this editorial he lashed the "evil men in our country and other lands" who were conspiring to risk another world war in order that "they and their interests might become enriched". He said that no guilt was greater than that of the American press which has published hundreds of dispatches, the most exaggerated and wildest reports, without the slightest verification. He said that newspapers and radios told Americans of how Russian troops were "pouring into Iran" and yet it was established that no new troops at all had been sent into that country. He pointed out that no country had been written about in the American press as widely as had Russia and that no subject in history had ever been treated with such brazen disregard for truth. In conclusion, he said that the great speech of Senator CLAUDE PEPPER was the first to throw the spotlight of truth on the war mongers and that "every mother whose son would be called to fight World War III can thank this statesman for his magnificent contribution to peace."

An article in the NEW CASTLE NEWS for May 2, 1946 stated that Mr. and Mrs. LEVERETT GLEASON were guests of the Polish Ambassador and [redacted] at a reception at the Roosevelt Hotel on April 30, 1946. b7C

In an editorial in the NEW CASTLE NEWS for May 9, 1946, there was quoted an editorial which appeared in PRINTER'S INK for May 2, 1946 entitled "IF THIS BE TREASON". This PRINTER'S INK editorial spoke out in protest against the Un-American acts of the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities, mentioned previously in this report.

GLEASON was the writer of another editorial which appeared in the NEW CASTLE NEWS for May 16, 1946 entitled "DON'T BELIEVE RUMORS". In this editorial he talked about the "Communist threat in New Castle Township. He said that this community was the least likely in the whole country where Communism could take root. He said he seriously doubted whether the Communist Party had ever heard of Chappaqua and that he was certain it had no concern for the affairs of this township. He pointed out that under American laws any citizen may be a Communist if he chose but he doubted that in all New Castle Communists would number one tenth of one percent of the population. GLEASON declared that it was an easy though cowardly device to shout "Communist" at anyone and everyone with

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whom one disagreed and that this device had been worn threadbare but still worked among evil thinking people.

It was ascertained on May 22, 1946 that GLEASON is still editorial director of "READER'S SCOPE" and maintains his office at LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City.

It was also verified on this date that he continued to reside on Park Drive, Chappaqua, New York, telephone Chappaqua 805.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At Chappaqua, New York:

\* Will follow and report subject's activities in Communist Party affairs.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 3, 1946, can be identified as follows: b7C

[redacted] b2  
whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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whose identity is known to the Bureau.

[redacted] whose b2  
identity is known to the Bureau, and who  
was mentioned in letter to the Bureau  
dated 1/11/46 in the case entitled "COMMUNIST  
PARTY, USA; INTERNAL SECURITY-C".

[redacted] b2  
whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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SAC, New York

December 2, 1946

Director, FBI

LEVERETT S. GLEASON, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Your File #100-56664

The Bureau desires that in further investigating this subject's activities specific attention be given to obtaining admissible evidence which will prove directly or circumstantially, his membership in or affiliation with the Communist Party, and knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of that organization. When, in your judgment, sufficient evidence has been obtained, you should prepare a report in summary form in which temporary symbols will be used to protect the identity of those informants who are in a position to testify.

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Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York *20*  
 SUBJECT : LEWIS GILFASON  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE January 17, 1947

I am forwarding herewith two photographic copies of material from the file of Local Board #751, North Tarrytown, New York, containing handwriting specimens of the above-captioned subject.

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## STATEMENTS OF THE REGISTRANT

## Series I.—IDENTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. My name is (print) Levoe 77 Stone Leason  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)
2. In addition to the name given above, I have also been known by the name or names of none  
(If none, write "None")
3. My residence now is Park Drive Chappaqua Westchester N. Y.  
(Number and street or R. F. D. route) (Town, City, town or village) (County) (State)
4. My telephone number now is Chappaqua 805 (If you have no phone, write "None")  
(Town) (Exchange) (Number)
5. My Social Security number is 059-03-3291  
(If none, write "None")
6. I was 44 years of age on my last birthday.

## Series II.—PHYSICAL CONDITION (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. To the best of my knowledge, I have no physical or mental defects or diseases. If so, they are \_\_\_\_\_  
(Have, have no) (List defects or diseases here)
2. I am not an inmate of an institution. If so, its name is \_\_\_\_\_ and it is located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Am, am not) (Name of hospital, prison, or other institution) (Give address)

## Series III.—EDUCATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. I have completed 8 years of elementary school and 5 years of high school.  
(Number) (Number)
2. I have had the following schooling other than elementary and high school (If none, write "None"):

Name of Vocational School, College, or University	Course of Study	Length of Time Attended
<u>Phillips Andover</u>		<u>1 yr</u>
<u>Harvard University</u>		<u>1 yr</u>
<u>Sorbonne University, Paris</u>		<u>5 mos.</u>

3. I can read and write the English language.  
(Can, cannot)

## Series IV.—PRESENT OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in No. 1 of this series; every registrant now at work shall fill in No. 2; every registrant now unemployed shall answer No. 3; and every registrant who is now a student, whether or not he also has a job, shall fill in No. 4.

1. I am now working at the job described under No. 2 below.  
(Put an X in one box) ☐ unemployed for the reasons and under the circumstances described in my answer to No. 3 below.  
☐ a student pursuing the course of study described under No. 4 below.
2. (a) The job I am now working at is (give full title, for example: Construction draftsman, turret-lathe operator, stationary engineer, farm laborer, prosecuting attorney, physics teacher, policeman, marriage-license clerk, etc.):  
Magazine Editor and Publisher
- (b) I do the following kind of work in my present job (be specific—give a brief statement of your duties):  
Manage, Edit and Publish Comic and General Magazines
- (c) I have had 18 years experience in this kind of work.
- (d) My average annual earnings in my present job are \$ 7000. (Confidential.)  
(weekly, monthly, annual)

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## Series VI.—OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND PREFERENCES

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in items 1, 2, and 3 in this series. Include in item 1 any formal apprenticeship served. Items 4 and 5 are optional and are designed to aid the Reemployment Division in restoring you to civilian employment after completion of military service.

1. I have also worked at the following occupations other than my present job, during the past 5 years: (If none, write "None.")

OCCUPATION (Give full title; for example, turret-lathe operator, farmer, etc.)	Kind of Work Done (Be specific—give a brief statement of your duties).	YEARS WORKED	
		From—	To—
Tavern Proprietor		1932	1937
		19	19
		19	19

2. My usual occupation, or the occupation for which I am best fitted, is Winery Building

3. I am not licensed in a trade or profession; if so, I am licensed as \_\_\_\_\_  
(am, am not) (For example: Marine pilot, physician, writer, stationary engineer)

4. I have worked in the following State or States during the past 2 years \_\_\_\_\_

5. I prefer the following kind of work: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ consider accepting a job which would require me to move away from my present home.  
(would, would not)

## Series VII.—FAMILY STATUS AND DEPENDENTS (Confidential except as to names and addresses of claimed dependents)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in the statements numbered 1 and 2 in this series.

1. I am ☐ single. ☐ widower. ☐ divorced. ☒ married; I do live with my wife; if not, her address  
(Put an X in the correct box) (do, do not)  
is Stamford Conn; we were married Sept 20 - 1941

I live with me in my home.

no support of that group shall fill in stated by blood, marriage, or adoption their joint support. (Such a group For example, when a registrant and his other relatives, the family group

family group as it now exists and is parents of the registrant might obtain

self first):

I began to contribute to the group's support. If not contributing, write "N. C." Amount this person earned by work during past 12 months

XXXXXX	\$7500
1935	2800

(b) I contributed \$ 6000 during the last 12 months to the support of the above-listed family group.

(c) In addition to the earnings shown in table 3 (a), only the following other income was received by members of this family group during the past 12 months. (State the nature and source of every item of income whether in cash or other things of value. Include income from property, relief payments, and contributions from persons outside this group. Give name, address, relationship, and age of each person outside the family group making such

## Series IV.—PRESENT OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY.—Continued

(e) In my present job, I am—

- ☐ a regular or permanent employee, working for salary, wages, commission, or other compensation; I have worked ..... years in my present job, and expect to continue indefinitely in it.
- ☐ a temporary or occasional employee; I expect that my present job will end about ..... (Date)
- ☐ an apprentice under a written or oral agreement with my employer, which expires ..... (Date)
- ☐ an independent worker, working on my own account, not hired by anyone, and not hiring any help.
- ☐ working for my father or for the head of my family, but receiving no pay.
- ☒ an employer or proprietor hiring ..... paid workers.

(Put an X in one box)

(f) I am not now employed in national defense work.  
(am, am not)(g) My employer is: Comic House, Inc.

(Name of organization or proprietor, not foreman or supervisor)

114 E. 32nd St. N.Y.C.  
(Address of place of employment—street or R.F. D. route, city, and State)whose business is Publishing

(For example: Farm, airplane engine factory, retail food store, W. P. A.)

(A) Other business or work in which I am now engaged is none

(If none, write "None")

INSTRUCTIONS.—If your employer believes that you are a necessary man in a necessary occupation, it is his duty to fill out Form 42A requesting your deferment. You may also attach to this page any further statement by yourself which you think the local board should consider in determining your classification. Such statement will then become a part of the Questionnaire.

3. If you are not now working, attach to this page a statement (a) giving the reasons for your unemployment, when it began, and when you expect to be able to resume your work, and (b) supplying substantially the same information regarding your last job as is required in Items 2 (a) to 2 (f) above.

4. (a) (If a student) I am majoring in ..... preparing for ..... (Occupation or profession)

at ..... (Name and address of school or college)

(b) I expect to complete this training on ..... (Date) (c) I ..... intend to take an examination for license in ..... (Profession) Date of examination .....

INSTRUCTIONS.—A student who believes that he should be placed in Class II because preparing for a necessary occupation should see that the head of his school files with the local board the necessary supporting evidence.

## Series V.—AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who works on a farm shall fill in this series, in addition to filling in Series IV and VI.

1. I work on or operate a farm as—

- ☐ sole owner of the farm.
- ☐ joint owner with ..... (Name) ..... (Address)
- ☐ hired manager.
- ☐ cash tenant or renter.
- ☐ standing rent tenant.
- ☐ share cropper.
- ☐ share tenant.
- ☐ wage hand (hired man).
- ☐ unpaid family worker.

(Put an X in the correct box)

My agreement (if any) expires ..... (Month) ..... (Day) ..... (Year)

2. I have been engaged in farm work for ..... years. 3. I ..... live on the farm with which I am connected.  
(do, do not)4. I ..... actually and personally responsible for the operation of the farm on which I work.  
(am, am not)

5. The principal crops and livestock of the farm I operate or work on are:

Names of Crops	Acres Devoted to Each	Kind of Livestock	Number of Each Now on Farm

6. The number of people who work on this farm is ..... of whom ..... are hired hands.  
(Number) (Number)

7. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly the farming or farm work I have described and my connection with it as a ground for classification are (if none, write "None") .....

Federal Bureau of Investigation U.S. Dept. of Justice - NEW YORK FIELD DIV.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 939 1. NAME (Print) Leverett S. Gleason ORDER NUMBER 10/51

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Park Drive New Castle West. N.Y.

(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL

3. MAILING ADDRESS Chappaqua, New York

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE Chappaqua 805 5. AGE IN YEARS 43 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Winchendon

(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (Town or county) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

Margaret Gleason, Park Drive, Chappaqua, N. Y.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Comic House Inc. 114 East 32nd St., New York City

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

Comic House Inc. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)

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(Registrant's signature)

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2. The record of my convictions is as follows:

OFFENSE	DATE (Month, Day, Year)	COURT (Name and location)	SENTENCE

3. I am not (am, am not) now being retained in the custody of a court of criminal jurisdiction, or other civil authority.

#### Series XII.—MILITARY SERVICE (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who now is or has been a member of the armed forces of the United States shall fill in the statements in this series. (Use a separate line for each term of service.)

My military service has been as follows:

ARM OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, National Guard, etc.)	DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE (Month, Day, Year)	STILL IN SERVICE (Yes, No)	DATE OF DISCHARGE (Month, Day, Year)	TYPE OF DISCHARGE (Honorable, Dishonorable, Bad Conduct, Not Honorable, Undesirable, or Other—Specify)
<u>Army</u>	<u>April 26, 1917</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>Sept 4 - 1919</u>	<u>Honorable</u>

#### Series XIII.—PRESENT MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, CERTAIN OFFICIALS, ETC.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is a member of one or more of the groups named in this series shall check the appropriate item or items, and shall supply any further information called for under the item or items checked.

I am at present:

- ☐ A commissioned officer, warrant officer, pay clerk, or enlisted man of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Public Health Service, the federally recognized active National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Regular Army Reserve, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the Naval Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, or the Coast Guard Reserve; my rank or commission is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of service)
- ☐ A cadet, United States Military Academy; midshipman, United States Naval Academy; cadet, United States Coast Guard Academy; man who has been accepted for admittance (commencing with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance) to the United States Military Academy as cadet, to the United States Naval Academy as midshipman, or to the United States Coast Guard Academy as cadet, and whose acceptance is still in effect; cadet of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps; I am \_\_\_\_\_ (A cadet, midshipman, or accepted for admittance) in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of corps, academy, etc.)
- ☐ The Governor of a State or Territory, a member of a legislative body of the United States or of a State or Territory, a judge of a court of record of the United States or of a State or Territory or the District of Columbia; my office is:

#### REGISTRANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—It is optional with registrant whether or not he fills in this statement, and failure to answer shall not constitute a waiver of claim to deferred or other status. The local board is charged by law to determine the classification of the registrant on the basis of the facts before it, which should be taken fully into consideration regardless of whether or not this statement is filled in.

In view of the facts set forth in this Questionnaire it is my opinion that my classification should be Class \_\_\_\_\_

The registrant may write in the space below or attach to this page any statement which he believes should be brought to the attention of the local board in determining his classification.

#### REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS.—1. Every registrant shall make the registrant's affidavit. 2. If the registrant cannot read, the questions and his answers thereto shall be read to him by the officer who administers the oath.

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF Westchester, ss:

I, Edward J. Casor, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the registrant named and described in the foregoing statements in this Questionnaire; that I have read (or have

had read to me) the statements made by and about me, and that each and every such statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. The statements made by me in the foregoing \_\_\_\_\_ in my own handwriting.

Registrant sign here Severest J. Pollack

(Signature of mark of registrant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1942

Julia Pollack JULIA POLLACK

(Signature of officer, C.R. No. 223 Reg. No. 3P427)

(Designation of officer) Commission expires March 30, 1943

If another person has assisted the registrant in filling out this Questionnaire, such person shall sign the following statement:

I have assisted the registrant herein named in preparation of this Questionnaire because \_\_\_\_\_

(For example—Registrant unable to read and write English, etc.)

(Signature of Advisor)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Registrant shall write nothing below this line when filling out the Questionnaire.

#### MINUTE OF ACTION ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING CLAIM OR PROOF

The application of \_\_\_\_\_ to have time for filing claim or proof extended to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ is {granted} {refused} for the reason that \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

Member.

MINUTE OF ACTION BY LOCAL BOARD No. 151, COUNTY West, STATE N.Y.

The local board classifies the registrant in Class 1, Subdivision A, by the following vote: Yes 3, No 0

5-20-42

(Date)

Harry T. Teller  
Member.

#### APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL

I hereby appeal to the board of appeal from the determination of the local board.

(Date)

(Signature of person appealing)

(Relationship to registrant, i. e., parent, employer, appeal agent, etc.)

MINUTE OF ACTION BY BOARD OF APPEAL No. \_\_\_\_\_, COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_, STATE \_\_\_\_\_

The board of appeal classifies the registrant in Class \_\_\_\_\_, Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

Member.

#### APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

I hereby appeal to the President from the determination of the board of appeal.

(Date)

(Signature of person appealing)

(Relationship to registrant, i. e., parent, employer, appeal agent, etc.)

Dates

#### MINUTES OF OTHER ACTIONS

6-20-42	Reclassified 1-C by the following votes: Ayes 3, Noes 0
7-24-43	Reclassified 4-A by the following votes: Ayes 2, Noes 0
1-1-45	Reclassified 1C Disc. by vote: 2-0; DSS 57 mailed to registrant
3-14-45	1C Disc. Completed Service, mailed 57 to reg.

## SERIES VII—FAMILY STATUS AND DEPENDENTS—Continued

contributions):

*None.*

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who contributes to the support of one or more persons who are not members of the family group listed above shall fill in statement No. 4.

4. (a) The following persons who are not members of the family group listed above depend wholly or partly for support on what I earn by my work in my business, occupation, or employment; they had no other sources of income during the past 12 months, except as stated below:

Name and address	Sex	Age last birthday	Relationship to me	Date when I began contributing to this person's support	Amount contributed by me (past 12 months)	All other income received by this person (past 12 months)
<i>Marie Gleason</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>Ex-wife</i>	<i>1924</i>	<i>\$15.60</i>	<i>\$</i>

- (b) Of the amounts contributed by me to dependents listed in 4 (a) only *\$ None* contributed to *Marie C. Gleason* (If none, write "None") was in payment for my own board and lodging.

- (c) The sources of the "other income" shown in the last column of the table just above were as follows: (Give name of dependent and state whether income was earned or contributed; if contributed, give name of dependent and name and address of person or agency contributing.)

- (d) The income I earned from my work in my business, occupation, or employment during the past 12 months was *\$ 75.00*

- (e) My income from all other sources during the past 12 months was *\$ None*

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who fills in either statement No. 3 or No. 4 shall also fill in the statements numbered 5 through 9 in this series.

5. If any of my dependents (except my wife) are over 18 years of age, the reasons why they are dependent are as follows (list each person by name):

*Marie C. Gleason, ex-wife - alimony - court order.*

6. The following is a description of all property, real and personal, owned by (or held in trust for) either myself or my dependents (do not include clothing, personal effects, household furnishings, or automobile; indicate which of such property is your home):

NAME OF PERSON	KIND OF PROPERTY	VALUE AFTER DEDUCTING ENCUMBRANCES	NET INCOME FROM THIS PROPERTY PAST 12 MONTHS (If none, write "None")
<i>Margaret C. Gleason</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>\$ 18.00</i>	<i>None</i>
" "			

7. I *do not* rent the house or apartment in which I live; if so, the monthly rent now is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (do, do not)

8. I have contracted to purchase the following property (If none, write "None"):

KIND OF PROPERTY	DATE OF CONTRACT	BALANCE NOW OUTSTANDING	MONTHLY PAYMENTS
		\$ _____	\$ _____

9. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly my own status and that of my dependents as a basis for my proper classification are (if none, write "None"):

*I claim no exemption because of dependents.*

INSTRUCTIONS.—With respect to any dependent (other than the registrant's own wife or child) whose support the registrant has assumed, the registrant shall furnish to the local board an affidavit of the person for whom dependency is claimed (or from the person's guardian if he is incompetent), explaining why and under what circumstances the registrant assumed such person's support. Copies of Form 40-A for this purpose may be obtained from the local board. If the dependent lives at a distance, do not delay return of the Questionnaire pending receipt of the affidavit; forward the affidavit as soon as received and it will then become a part of this Questionnaire.

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## Series IV.—PRESENT OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY.—Continued

(e) In my present job, I am—

- ☐ a regular or permanent employee, working for salary, wages, commission, or other compensation; I have worked ..... years in my present job, and expect to continue indefinitely in it.
- ☐ a temporary or occasional employee; I expect that my present job will end about ..... (Date)
- ☐ an apprentice under a written or oral agreement with my employer, which expires ..... (Date)
- ☐ an independent worker, working on my own account, not hired by anyone, and not hiring any help.
- ☐ working for my father or for the head of my family, but receiving no pay.
- ☒ an employer or proprietor hiring ..... paid workers. (Number)

(Put an X in one box)

(f) I am now employed in national defense work. (am, am not)

(g) My employer is:

Comic House Inc

(Name of organization or proprietor, not foreman or supervisor)

114 E. 32nd St., N.Y.C.

(Address of place of employment—street or R.F. D. route, city, and State)

whose business is

Publishing

(For example: Farm, airplane engine factory, retail food store, W. P. A.)

(h) Other business or work in which I am now engaged is

none

(If none, write "None")

INSTRUCTIONS.—If your employer believes that you are a necessary man in a necessary occupation, it is his duty to fill out Form 42A requesting your deferment. You may also attach to this page any further statement by yourself which you think the local board should consider in determining your classification. Such statement will then become a part of the Questionnaire.

3. If you are not now working, attach to this page a statement (a) giving the reasons for your unemployment, when it began, and when you expect to be able to resume your work, and (b) supplying substantially the same information regarding your last job as is required in Items 2 (a) to 2 (f) above.

4. (c) (If a student) I am majoring in ..... preparing for ..... (Occupation or profession)

at

(Name and address of school or college)

(b) I expect to complete this training on

(Date)

(c) I ..... intend to take an examination

(Yes, do not)

tion for license in

(Profession)

Date of examination

INSTRUCTIONS.—A student who believes that he should be placed in Class II because preparing for a necessary occupation should see that the head of his school files with the local board the necessary supporting evidence.

## Series V.—AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who works on a farm shall fill in this series, in addition to filling in Series IV and VI.

1. I work on or operate a farm as—

- ☐ sole owner of the farm.
- ☐ joint owner with ..... (Name) (Address)
- ☐ hired manager.....
- ☐ cash tenant or renter.....
- ☐ standing rent tenant.....
- ☐ share cropper.....
- ☐ share tenant.....
- ☐ wage hand (hired man).
- ☐ unpaid family worker.

(Put an X in the correct box)

My agreement (if any) expires

(Month)

(Day)

(Year)

2. I have been engaged in farm work for ..... years. 3. I ..... live on the farm with which I am connected. (Yes, do not)

4. I ..... actually and personally responsible for the operation of the farm on which I work. (am, am not)

5. The principal crops and livestock of the farm I operate or work on are:

Names of Crops	Acres Devoted to Each	Kind of Livestock	Number of Each Now on Farm

6. The number of people who work on this farm is ..... of whom ..... are hired hands. (Number) (Number)

7. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly the farming or farm work I have described and my connection with it as a ground for classification are (if none, write "None")

## Series VIII.—MINISTER, OR STUDENT PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is a minister or a student preparing for the ministry shall fill in the statements in this series that apply to him.

1. (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ a minister of religion.  
(am, am not)
- (b) I \_\_\_\_\_ customarily serve as a minister.  
(do, do not)
- (c) I have been a minister of the \_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of sect or denomination) (Month, day, year)
- (d) I \_\_\_\_\_ been formally ordained. If so, my ordination was performed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(have, have not) (Month, day, year)
- by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Ecclesiastical official performing the ordination) (City and State)
2. (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ a student preparing for the ministry in a theological or divinity school.  
(am, am not)
- (b) I am attending the \_\_\_\_\_, which was established \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of theological or divinity school) (before, after)
- September 16, 1939, and is located at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Place)

## Series IX.—CITIZENSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in the statements numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 in this series.

1. I was born at \_\_\_\_\_ Winchendon \_\_\_\_\_ Mass \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.A.  
(Town) (State) (Country)
2. I was born on \_\_\_\_\_ February \_\_\_\_\_ 25 \_\_\_\_\_ 1896  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
3. My race is: ☒ White; ☐ Negro; ☐ Oriental; ☐ Indian; ☐ Filipino; Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ am a citizen of the United States.  
(am, am not)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is not a citizen of the United States shall fill in the statements numbered 5, 6, 7, and 8.

5. I \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen or subject of \_\_\_\_\_. My Alien Registration No. is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(am, was last) (Name of country) (If none, write "None")
6. My permanent residence has been in the United States since \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (first papers). Declaration  
(have, have not)  
filed at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Place) (Month) (Day) (Year)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ filed a petition for naturalization (second papers). Petition filed at \_\_\_\_\_  
(have, have not) (Place)  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

## Series X.—CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION TO WAR

INSTRUCTIONS.—Any registrant who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form shall sign the statement below requesting a Special Form for Conscientious Objector (Form 47) from the local board which must be completed and returned to the local board for consideration.

By reason of religious training and belief I am conscientiously opposed to war in any form and for this reason request that the local board furnish me a Special Form for Conscientious Objector (Form 47) which I am to complete and return to the local board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

## Series XI.—COURT RECORD (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in statement No. 1.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ have not been convicted of a crime, other than minor traffic violations.  
(have, have not)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who has ever been convicted of a crime, other than minor traffic violations, shall fill in statement No. 2, listing all convictions.

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Marriage records at Stamford, Conn. reflect Subject married on 9-20-41 to MARGARET CAWLEY CLARKE, a widow, 37 years of age at time of marriage. Records indicate the Subject's wife born in New York City, date not furnished, as MARGARET CAWLEY.

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Reference: New York letter to New Haven dated February 4, 1947.

Details: By letter dated February 4, 1947 the New York Field Division advised that the Local Draft Board Records at North Tarrytown, New York reveal that Subject was married on September 20, 1941 at Stamford, Connecticut, and that his wife's first name is MARGARET. It was requested that all pertinent data relating to the marriage be obtained.

Stamford, Connecticut, Custodian of the Bureau of Vital Statistics' records, made available the records relating to Subject's marriage on September 20, 1941 at Stamford. The marriage license revealed that Subject furnished his name as LEVERETT STONE GLEASON, 43 years of age at the time, occupation publisher, and birthplace Winchendon, Massachusetts. His legal residence was furnished as New York City, New York. The Subject indicated that he was divorced and that this was his second marriage. Subject's father's name was furnished as MARDIS E. GLEASON. His mother's maiden name was given as JOSEPHINE STONE.

The marriage license further reflected that the bride was

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MARGARET CANTLEY CLARKE, a widow, and that this was her second marriage. She furnished her occupation as Secretary and her birthplace as New York City, date not given. Subject's wife indicated, however, that she was 37 at the time of her application in 1941. The bride indicated that her father's name was JAMES CANTLEY and her mother's maiden name was JOSEPHINE MURRAY. It is to observed that the dates and places of birth of the bride's parents were not recorded. The marriage license was executed on September 15, 1941 and the marriage took place on the 20th, the ceremony being performed by [redacted] a Justice of the Peace located b7C in the Gurley Building, Connecticut.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

THE NEW YORK CITY

Will examine the birth records about the period of 1904 in an attempt to locate a record of the birth of MARGARET CAWLEY, Subject's present wife, and secure appropriate data concerning her parents in accordance with SAC letter #28, series 1946, dated March 12, 1946.

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